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Thatcher dashes hopes of spring tax cuts

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister yesterday killed the reports that she expects taxes to be reduced in the Budget next spring. She said she still hoped that there might be tax reductions before the end of the present Parliament, but in interviews for television she showed some anxiety about the problems of balancing revenue and expenditure beyond this Parliament, as the cost of maintaining a growing population of old people increases.

OFT chief refuses to drop Stock Exchange action

By Philip Robinson and Derek Harris

The Exchange will drop minimum charges on stock and share dealings and allow members on to the Stock Exchange Council and the boards of member firms. But it has preserved the separate capacity system of buying and selling shares under which investors can buy only through brokers and jobbers deal only with brokers.

Adams told 'no jail visits to terrorists'

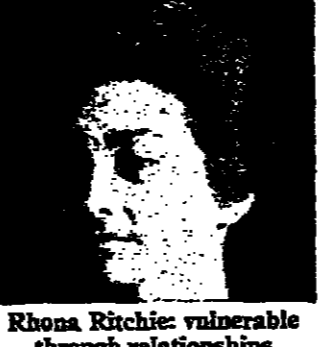
By John Witherow and Richard Ford

The Home Office has forbidden Mr Gerry Adams, Provisional Sinn Fein MP for Belfast West, to visit IRA prisoners in mainland jails, including some of his constituents convicted of terrorist offences.

Envoy had several lovers in Israel

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Miss Rhona Ritchie, the first secretary at the British Embassy in Tel Aviv who passed secrets to an Egyptian diplomat with whom she was having an affair, had a number of lovers - including an Israeli government official - during her stay in Israel before she joined the embassy, the report of the Security Commission into the case disclosed yesterday.



Rhona Ritchie vulnerable through relationships



Crash orphan: Howard Goddard aged 12, attending the funeral yesterday at St Mary's Church, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, of his father, mother, brother and sister, all killed in the Scillies helicopter tragedy Funeral of victims, page 2

Arabs under curfew for Jewish ceremony

From Christopher Walker Hebron

While the 70,000 Arabs of Hebron remained confined to their homes yesterday under Israeli curfew, two Cabinet ministers presided over a sombre ceremony near the centre of the eerily deserted city to commemorate the 1929 Arab massacre of 67 members of the Jewish community.

Israel tells Phalange to quit barracks

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Israel's long-standing alliance with the right-wing Lebanese Phalange militia appeared to be on the verge of breaking apart last night after Israeli troops ordered the militia to close down one of its barracks in southern Lebanon.

Telephone bills to rise by 2.9%

By Clive Cookson

Telephone bills will rise by an average of 2.9 per cent in November when British Telecom ends its two-year price freeze.

Our position as Leader is in keeping with the quality of the blend

Advertisement for Bell's Scotch Whisky, featuring a bottle image and text: 'Our position as Leader is in keeping with the quality of the blend. BELL'S Scotland's Number One Quality Scotch.'

Heatwave breaks records throughout Europe

By David Nicholson-Lord

Temperature records continued to be broken throughout Europe yesterday as the heatwave maintained its grip. In Germany, which has registered its hottest day 104°F - since records began 200 years ago, car-washing has been banned, beer consumption has soared 1,000 per cent, and ducks and fish are said to have been killed by the heat.

Forest fires Sardinia have led to 1,000 people in two towns being evacuated as well as 150 inmates of a penal colony. Two farmers, one Sardinian and one from Calabria, have died. Signor Fortuna said on a trip to Sardinia that the aircraft and helicopters used to drop water and fire-retardant chemicals in the fires were inadequate.

Wurttemberg it remained at 74°F. Thousands of Germans stripped naked in the city parks or plunged into fountains. In Lower Saxony a forest fire caused £620,000 worth of damage. Ducks were reported to have keeled over dead in the River Sprea in Berlin and trout killed in rivers in the south.

In Munich's 650 beer gardens 250,000 people were estimated to have drunk half a million litres of beer and 200,000 litres of shandy on Wednesday. A Hamburg politician said he served 1,000 litres of beer, more than 10 times the normal amount.



# Decision to give parents choice on the cane criticized as unworkable

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Parents are to be allowed to choose whether to punish their children from corporal punishment in schools, the Education Secretary announced yesterday.

Government's decision that two forms of cane will operate within the same school and some will be used, while others will not, was criticized by the National Association of School Teachers' union, which has 250,000 members. Douglas McAvoy, its deputy secretary, said that it would be unworkable. The organization would urge schools to exempt their children from the plan.

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Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that he was disappointed and dismayed. He felt that the European Court of Human Rights would soon rule against the practice altogether.

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Wales is ruled out on the ground that many parents and teachers favour its retention. The department said yesterday that it had conducted no new public opinion poll but that its impression was that most parents favoured the cane.

The document rules out setting up corporal punishment and non corporal punishment schools as being expensive, impractical and administratively cumbersome.

It outlines three ways in which parents could opt out of corporal punishment for their children: leaving the initiative to parents who opposed it; leaving the initiative to those who do not object; or asking parents to state their preference. The document says the third approach would give the clearest picture, but involve the most work.

The document is being sent to local authority, teacher, and parent associations for comments, which should be made before the end of November. Legislation is not envisaged until 1984.

Independent schools will be largely unaffected because parents have a choice there, but local authority places are covered, as well as places in the music and ballet scheme.

*Corporal Punishment in Schools: A Consultative Document*, Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London, SE1 7PH; free. Leading article, page 11

# Wife used husband's gun gift to kill him

By Craig Seton

A woman described by a former Queen's esquire as "very warm, friendly and welcoming" was jailed for two years yesterday for killing her husband with a shotgun he had given her as a Christmas present.

Mrs Jennifer Davis, aged 44, denied murder but admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility, of her husband Christopher, aged 40, a former captain in the Gloucestershire Regiment.

She shot him in the study of their five-bedroom country house at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, after a row over some missing sherry.

Mr Justice Brown, at Bristol Crown Court, said he accepted that Mrs Davis was of the highest character but added: "The court has to bear in mind that what you did was an act of appalling violence."

Character evidence was given by Sir Ian Heathcote-Amory, a former Esquire to the Queen and Deputy Lieutenant of Devon, and Mr Raymond Etherington-Smith, former ambassador to Vietnam and the Sudan.

Sir Ian described Mrs Davis as "a highly respected person, a refined person, devoted to her family."

The court was told that Mrs Davis had married for the second time in 1971. Her new husband was still a serving officer, who became an estate agent.

Mr David Webster, for the prosecution, said Mrs Davis was determined to make her second marriage a success. But she had told a friend: "He told me he had another woman." She had also told a friend that her husband wanted to leave her but she did not want to let him go and that three months before the killing her husband had begun to be curt with her.

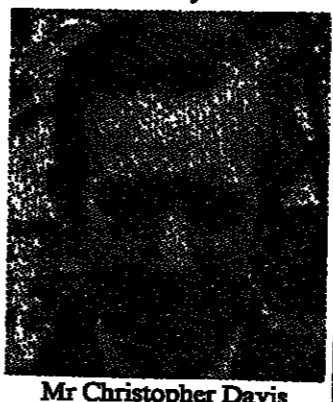


Mrs Jennifer Davis: Row over sherry

When her husband replied curtly to her she asked why he was being so sarcastic and she replied: "I am giving you some of your own medicine."

After the friends left Mrs Davis followed her husband into his study. Mr George Carman, QC, for Mrs Davis, said her husband gave her "a look full of hatred which spelt out her despair."

Mrs Davis, the mother of two children from each of her marriages, left the room and returned with a shotgun.



Mr Christopher Davis

# Moves for limit on annual entry to Bar attacked

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Moves to restrict recruitment to the Bar are disclosed in this week's *New Law Journal*. They are seen as part of an attempt by the Bar to maintain its homogeneity and to exclude non-conformists.

An article by Walter Merricks, a solicitor and journalist, says that proposals are circulating among the senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar. They suggest an annual entry limit of 600.

The practising Bar, it is said, is capable of absorbing into chambers no more than about 250 to 300 entrants a year. Allowing for a drop-out rate of 50 per cent and overall target of 600 is considered reasonable.

This year's limit on admissions to the Inns of Court School of Law is 950, but around 700 would be entrants are taking up pupillage.

The search is on for additional filters on entry. One plan is to ask tutors to give a candid assessment of a person's character and suitability for practice. Questions might include: "Is the candidate able to mix with others from different social and financial backgrounds?"

Until recently, the Bar maintained an open entry policy allowing the marker to decide who should succeed or fail. No barriers were placed in the way of anyone wishing to qualify, as a barrister provided he or she could pass the examination.

Mr Merricks says there is growing concern in legal education circles at the plans. "What is now feared is that the Bar could become an even more closed and inward-looking profession than at present; that for those with the wrong background, the wrong accents, the wrong face, the wrong attitudes, becoming a barrister will be well-nigh impossible."

# Zoo cleared on one count

Mr John Aspinall's zoo company was cleared yesterday of blame for the death of Mr Brian Stocks, the head keeper who was mauled by a Siberian tiger in 1980.

The judge directed the jury at Canterbury Crown Court to acquit the company, Howletts and Port Lympne Estates, of failing to protect Mr Stocks in his job. However, the company still faces a Health and Safety Executive summons over the death five weeks later of Mr Robert Wilson, a second keeper killed by the same animal.

It would be "wholly dangerous" to proceed with the prosecution's allegation that Mr Stocks was allowed to enter the tiger's enclosure at Howletts' zoo, in Kent, alone, contrary to safety regulations, Judge Rooke, QC, said.

Evidence had raised the possibility that the tigress, Zeya, might have leapt a fence. But he told the jury not to let his direction influence them over the allegations that Mr Wilson died because the 10ft 2in fence was too low for safety. The hearing continues today.

# Writs dropped Rolls jobs go

The Church of Scientology has discontinued six libel actions it started against the Metropolitan Police Commissioner over a 1968 report about its organization which was sent to other police forces.

Another 170 jobs are to go at the Rolls-Royce diesel engine factory at Shrewsbury, it was announced yesterday. The redundancies are blamed on falling orders, particularly from overseas.

# Public schools urged to open their doors

From Our Education Correspondent, Nottingham

Independent schools, such as Winchester, Roedean and Stam Ladies' College, urged yesterday to open classrooms and dormitories to the handicapped, ethnic minorities and adults, particularly the unemployed.

Mr Tim Devlin, general secretary of the Independent Schools' Association, was accompanied by a delegation that independent schools should not receive the same status, including the 10 per cent rebate, unless they could prove they had the facilities.

Mr Devlin's speech, at the annual conference of the National Association of Headmasters' Conference, which numbers most of the leading public schools among its 210 members, said yesterday that independent schools could have difficulty in catering for non-academic children (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

"If you have a school which is entirely geared to coping with bright children and enabling them to achieve high standards, and you begin to open up wings to a quite different kind of child, it is going to cause problems both in staffing and accommodation", he said.

# Tap water 'better than bottled'

By Peter Davidson

The controversy surrounding bottled and tap water bubbled up again yesterday with a public analyst's report that the quality of the packaged mineral variety was not as good as the processed product from the waterworks (Our Science Editor writes).

This conclusion was presented to Woodspring District Council at Weston-super-Mare in a report from the Avon public analyst's laboratories.

Fifteen popular brands of natural water had been examined.

Tests showed the concentration of microscopic organisms was generally higher for mineral water than for the domestic supply.

The tests show only the level of micro organisms, not the classification. But they confirm results published last year by *Which?*

Those showed nothing would be found in mineral water that would not be found in tap water.

# Dr Who actor to quit series

By Peter Davidson



Peter Davidson, aged 31, has decided to give up his role as Doctor Who when he finishes recording the present BBC series due for transmission in January. He is the fifth doctor, and took over the role nearly two years ago from Tom Baker.

# Crash sentence

By James Costello

James Costello, aged 25, a salesman of Hollyhill Road, Erith, Kent, who killed his best friend in a driving accident, was saved from prison at the Central Criminal Court yesterday because the victim's family had forgiven him. Costello was ordered to do 200 hours' community service.

# Toy warning

Some toy snakes imported from Taiwan contain water which tests have proved to be contaminated. Mr John Harrison, the Essex consumer and public protection officer, says.

# Dispute over private use of scanner

By Peter Davidson

Health chiefs denied yesterday that private patients were up to £200 a time to "queue" for treatment on a new £1m cancer scanner machine at Broomfield hospital, Chelmsford, Essex, officially opened by Princess Anne yesterday and an ongoing dispute was ended when senior officials that cash from private patients could be used to benefit NHS Health Service users.

Mr Bennett, who raised £200 to help to buy and spend four long years on this so that private patients could use their own money to jump the queue for the scanner.

Mr Bennett, one of a large number of voluntary helpers organized fund raising to pay for the machine, claimed that money raised "hiring-out" the scanner was not being spent on extra staff.

# Beware of sex traps, nannies told

By Peter Davidson

Young girls seeking jobs as nannies were told by a judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to beware of sex traps.

Judge Lifford said: "It should be more widely appreciated that young girls who advertise in quite respectable magazines can be waylaid and mistreated in the manner of the young girl in this case."

Michael Mohammed, aged 38, builder, of East Barnet Road, New Barnet, was jailed for four years for two sex assaults on a nanny, aged 19. He had pleaded not guilty.

The judge said: "I would be failing in my duty if I did not sentence you to a substantial term to deter others like you."

Mr David Owen-Jones, for the prosecution, said the girl advertised in *The Lady*. Mohammed promised that if she "got the job working for his sister" she would go to Miami and the Caribbean.

The girl said that she was taken to Heathrow airport to meet Mohammed's sister. He insisted she had wine and brandy he booked her into an hotel and committed sexual acts.

# Social services inquiry on baby's death

By Peter Davidson

Welfare authorities are to inquire into the death of a girl, 15 months, killed by her mother, it was said at Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

The girl, her younger sister and older sister, had been placed on a non-accidental injury register by social services.

Mr Justice Davies said that he girl had been taken from her mother she would probably be alive now. He asked if inquiry had been made into decisions taken by the social services. "In a case of this great public concern felt as to whether there has been any error of decision", he said.

Mr Stephen O'Malley, for the prosecution, said an inquiry had been opened but could not be proceeded with until the outcome of the case was known.

Mrs Christine Mitchell, aged 27, of Howe Road, Gosport, Hampshire, admitted the manslaughter of her daughter, Emma. She was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with 12 months of the sentence suspended for two years.

Mr O'Malley said Mrs Mitchell had three children aged three years, 15 months and three months. She first married in 1975 and when her first daughter was born Bradford Social Services had been concerned over the way the child was looked after.

In November, 1980, she married a Royal Navy sailor and lived in married quarters at Plymouth. Emma was born there.

Mrs Mitchell became pregnant again and the family moved to married quarters in Gosport, where social services visited the family and all three children were put on a non-accidental injury register.

On November 20 last year Mrs Mitchell knocked on a neighbour's door and said Emma had fallen downstairs. The child was limp and blue and attempts at resuscitation failed.

Brusling was seen on the child's face and forehead and there were two fractures of the skull. Later Mrs Mitchell admitted she had thrown the child down in annoyance.

Her other children had been taken into care by Hampshire County Council and were to be made wards of court.

## INDEX-LINKED NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES AND INDEX-LINKED SAYE

# NEW 2.4%

## SUPPLEMENT FOR 1983-1984

A new supplement of 2.4% per annum on top of index linking has been announced for Index-Linked National Savings Certificates and Index-Linked SAYE held in 1983-1984. This is in addition to the 2.4% supplement for 1982-1983 and follows the same pattern.

### National Savings Certificates

The new supplement will be earned if the Certificates are held for the whole year until 1 November 1984. It will be calculated on the index-linked value at 31 October 1983.

This value includes the current supplement accruing on 1 November 1983.

### Index-linked SAYE

The 2.4% supplement payable for 1983-84 can be earned on similar terms to the supplement accruing on 1 December 1983 for the year 1982-83. Holders will be sent details individually.

No supplements are earned if you cash in early.



**NATIONAL SAVINGS**



Geoffrey Smith

British company wins contract for new RAF missile

DEFENCE

Loud cheers from the Government benches greeted the announcement in the Commons by Mr Michael Heseltine...

...employment and industrial issues, costs and availability. I am able to tell the House that we have decided that subject to satisfactory completion of contract negotiations...



Heseltine: Balanced decision



McDonald: Is it fixed price

Central America is important to Britain

PM'S QUESTIONS

The importance of the situation in Central America to Britain was emphasised by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister...

Central America as elsewhere throughout the world? Mr Thatcher: I do not know who he is suggesting should go to Nicaragua...

Two issues decided for this Parliament

By Alan Wood and Barbara Day

The Commons, which met to hear the Queen's Speech on Wednesday, June 22, rises today for its summer recess...

Ministers fail to agree on North Sea herring

FISHERIES

An order would be laid before Parliament today extending to foreign vessels the arrangements which currently apply to British vessels...

Will he go back to the negotiating table and this time take the veto with him and use it? I do not particularly blame the Norwegians...

Government hoping to extend aid to state yards

SHIPBUILDING

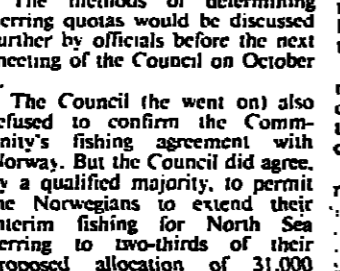
The Government is to have urgent talks with the European Commission to try and secure approval for an increased rate of intervention fund support for British shipbuilders...

It reflects very poor performance at some of the corporation's major yards. However, some parts of BS are profitable. The Government remains firmly committed to privatizing these activities as soon as possible.

No-strike deal offer to health service unions

Anyone who worked in the essential services should stay at their post and not go on strike, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister said yesterday...

did not take industrial action has now been adequately recognized. Should unions come to us and say that they wish to have that kind of agreement, we would of course consider it...



Jopling: The issue was not clear-cut

Mr Jopling: I could have helped to get an agreement on herring, but there was never anything this week on offer in Brussels which would have been satisfactory for our fishermen...

Rules for council auditors

The Code of Local Government Audit Practice for England and Wales set out the general duties of an auditor and outlined the three main features which should characterize his work...

The auditor should consider whether the taxpayers' and ratepayers' money was spent in a way that provided value for money. It was not part of his role to question the local authority's policies.

No ban on fox hunting

AGRICULTURE

The Government believed it was for the individual to decide whether or not to hunt and therefore it had no plans to ban field sports, Mrs Peggy Fenner, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during question time in the Commons...

I am advised that the action taken by the county council to which he refers does not extend to persons practicing extensive agricultural pest control. Mr Ivor Evans (Cynon Valley, Lab): Where fox hunting takes place there is more damage done to crops than is caused by foxes. Should not the department and the Home Office do research to bring up to date the Cruelty to Animals Act which goes back to 1876?

New forum has no constitutional role

There were no constitutional implications in the proposal to set up the Anglo-Irish Encounter body to organize periodic conferences and seminars, Mr Raymond Whitney, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, assured MPs in a Commons statement...

Mr David Trimick (Walsall North, Lab): Now that the Government is talking with Dublin is over, and improved relations between the two countries is to be welcomed, can the minister give an assurance that in spite of the protests from Unionist MPs there will be no negotiation with Dublin to find a settlement for the continuing tragedy of Northern Ireland?

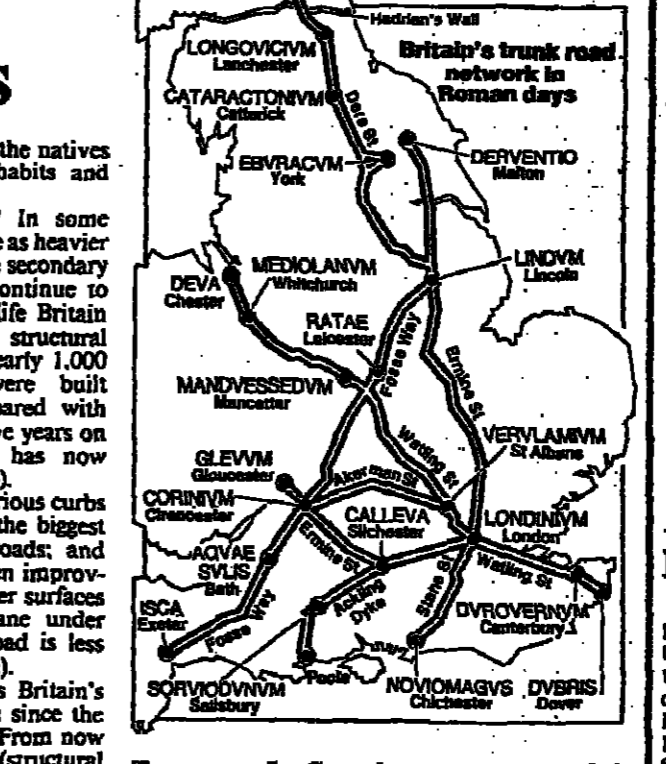
Britain's crumbling motorways: 2 Age of the butterfly, not the bypass

Many of Britain's busiest roads will be choked with traffic yet again this weekend, vital repairs adding to the problems created by a national network that simply cannot cope. MICHAEL BAILL, Transport Editor, looks at the reasons why our roads system is so inadequate...

revenue. Britain is similarly parsimonious (see table). Road cuts are an easy way for Chancellors to make savings, by simply cancelling or postponing projects. There have been more than 20 such cuts in the past decade, more than 200 km of motorways have been abandoned since 1976.

Third, and in similar vein, there is a powerful pro-rail, anti-road sentiment a feeling that roads are bad and rail is good; instead of building roads, we should get traffic 'back on the trains' although this was never on the rail and is not suitable for rail transport.

gone years of neglect as the natives reverted to their old habits and tracks. What of the future? In some respects it must get worse as heavier lorries pound inadequate secondary roads and motorways continue to crumble. On a 20-year life Britain faces an upsurge in structural repairs from 1990, as nearly 1,000 km of motorways were built between 1970-75, compared with around 500 km in the five years on either side.



Tomorrow: In Saturday, the less crowded routes to the West Country and how to divide the M1 jams on the route North.

Big exercise for troops

Lionheart 84, the biggest peacetime exercise involving British armed forces since the Second World War, will take place next year, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, told the Commons...

European Assembly

In yesterday's report of the proposed new boundaries for the European Assembly elections, the following constituencies should have been listed: London North-East (518,115), Newham North West, Newham South, Walthamstow, London East (543,906), Barking, Dagenham, Hornchurch, Ilford North, Ilford South.

Table comparing road tax revenue and government spending in the UK, West Germany, France, US, and Belgium/Holland.

VOTING DETAILS

Table showing voting details for various issues, including the division numbers given here correspond to those on the chart on page 5.





THE ARTS

Opera

Griselda Buxton

Malcolm Fraser's way is to go back to contemporary practice: first in translating the recitative into our vernacular...

They rarely outstay their welcome and do much to weave a bright, seamless tapestry with the drama in hand...

The fourth Boccanca day of the fifth Buxton Festival arrived, and with it the opera Boccanca night at the Opera House...

Just as Fraser's perfective pacing of tragedy and comedy, artifice and realism propels the episodic drama on its way...

Hilary Finch

Concert

BBCSO/Elder

Opportunities for orchestral performance are rare enough these days that most composers approach the task of a Prom commission with gladness...

All the big statements were left to Strauss's *Thus Spake Zarathustra* in the second half...

Paul Griffiths

Geoff Brown

Cinema



Marlene Dietrich in Feyder's 'Knight Without Armour'

Foreign Legion clichés suggested by its story of a love-lorn legionnaire in Morocco. The atmosphere is disconcertingly thick with flies, hubbub, dark mysteries...

Yet, the more Feyder films one sees, the more he becomes an idiosyncratic artist. Obsolete themes keep poking through...

Theatre

Cyrano de Bergerac Barbican

Undaunted, or perhaps spurred on by the National Theatre's unhappy experience with this play, the RSC have matched Rostand's heroic text with an heroic production...

specially for the battle; and moreover, loaded the coach with Parisian delicacies. The play never goes out of fashion: rather it lies in wait for the right actor...

It also manages to preserve a sense of witty anachronism without deflating the heroics. The Garçon cadets are starving to death on the battlefield...

Irving Wardle

Rarities from France

Jacques Feyder season

National Film Theatre

Jacques Tati shorts

Everyman

This is one of those freak weeks without any new cinema releases, no matter, life goes on. The National Film Theatre...

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Television

Paris is a city to live up to rather than in, perhaps the most prominent example of the influence of architecture upon manners...

Webster pointed out, for example, that French children are exposed to philosophical literature relatively early in their education...

Peter Ackroyd

US butter sale to Egypt puts EEC truce at risk

The EEC is far from happy about a new American deal to sell large quantities of butter and cheese to Egypt...

The dispute comes at a particularly difficult time for the EEC, it is on the point of trying to negotiate a reform of its common agricultural policy...

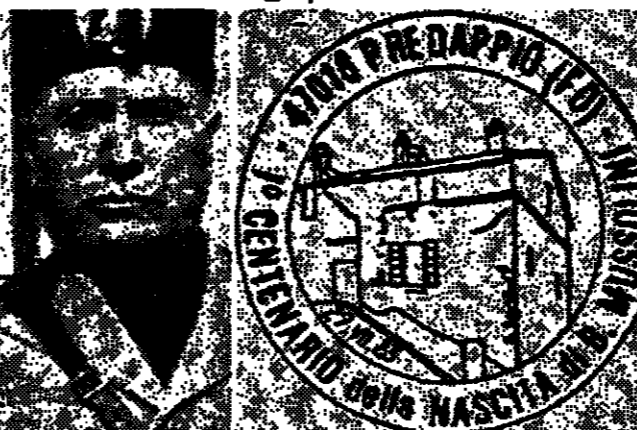
New York court bails 8 in IRA plot case

Federal authorities have charged eight men in connection with alleged conspiracies to sell about \$2bn (£1.5bn) worth of weapons to Iran...

The main suspects are Abbott van Becker, aged 62, of Clark Summit, Pennsylvania; Alan Harvey, aged 73, of Hawthorth, New Jersey...

Il Duce's centenary turns sour

How to celebrate the centenary of Mussolini's birth has perplexed the Italian authorities since postmark recording the event had to be withdrawn...



Benito Mussolini and the withdrawn postmark

Then the idea that a mobile post-office would have been set up outside the cathedral in Predappio stamps for Il Duce's admirers could hardly have looked worse...

Kremlin blows hot and cold on talks

The Kremlin yesterday issued contradictory statements on East-West relations in Europe, in two minds about the chances of an arms agreement...

At Geneva before December, when new American missiles are due to be deployed. Tass said the Helsinki accords had opened up new and brighter horizons...

Muldoon boosts spending with eye on election

A budget promising mild stimulation of a sluggish economy was presented to Parliament last night. Its distinguishing feature is a record internal deficit of £3.1 billion...

Other features of the budget are a slight rise in tax on higher incomes to finance cuts to those on lower levels who missed out on concessions last year...

Italy crush British women at bridge

An unexpected 19-1 defeat of Britain by Italy has allowed the Netherlands to take the lead in the European women's bridge championship...

French gift boosts Habré

Ndjamena (Reuters) - France handed over a 28-seat transport aircraft and three-man crew yesterday as part of aid to President Hissène Habré's Government...

Results (men's series) round 6: Netherlands 17, Finland 3; Britain 14, France 6; Spain 10, Switzerland 10; Ireland 18, Israel 2; Poland 12, Sweden 8; Italy 10, Germany 10...

French gift boosts Habré

French-supplied arms have helped the Government to regain the initiative in the month-old war. No fresh fighting has been reported in the last few days...

Morocco forced to accept austerity budget

Morocco's Parliament has approved an austerity budget slashing planned government spending by about 13 per cent and raising taxes by about 450m dirhams...

That's Shell - that is!

AN EXHIBITION OF SHELL ADVERTISING ART 5 JULY - 4 SEPTEMBER 1983. A unique collection of advertising art, posters from the 1920's and 1930's...

MEPHISTO. FOR ONE WEEK ONLY! The Ploughman's Lunch. CATS. ANOTHER TIME. THE KING OF COMEDY.

Barbican Art Gallery. A unique collection of advertising art, posters from the 1920's and 1930's featuring Sutherland, Nash, Grant, Whistler, McKnight, Kaurer and many others...

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# SPECTRUM

## THE TIMES GUIDE TO CENTRAL AMERICA

Three separate US Navy battle groups are now converging on Nicaragua, the instruments of President Reagan's reaffirmation of the 160-year-old Monroe Doctrine, formulated to defend America's backyard when the collapse of Spain's empire turned Central America into a place where a football match could start a war. This is what they will find.

# The view from Reagan's kitchen

## Nicaragua

Largest and most sparsely populated country in the region.  
Population: 2.7m.  
Area: 57,100 sq miles.  
Capital: Managua.



**Government:** Popular revolution in July 1979 led by Sandinist guerrillas overthrew hated dynasty established by Anastasio Somoza in 1936. Sandinists promised speedy elections, mixed economy, freedom of press and other liberties, but original governing Junta of National Reconstruction soon dominated by more hard-line left-wingers among *Commandantes* (notably Daniel Ortega, above) holding real power. Elections indefinitely postponed, opposition figures harassed and intimidated, independent press censored.

**Military:** Presence of up to 2,000 Cuban military advisers, plus some 75 Russian officers, draws extreme hostility of Reagan administration. Washington claims Cuban-style revolution exported via Nicaragua to El Salvador and other regional flashpoints. Nicaragua's standing army of approximately 30,000 by far largest in region, backed by some 50,000 armed militia. Washington claims Soviet T-55 tanks, armoured cars and SAM anti-aircraft missiles arriving via Cuba, but border clashes with "Contras" (see Honduras) are still small-scale infantry engagements. US intelligence anticipates arrival soon of up to 50 Nicaraguans receiving Mig 21 pilot training in Bulgaria. Soviet helicopters already in use. Small navy recently fought minor battles with Hondurans off Pacific coast.

**Economy:** Sandinists inherited economy in ruins and looted national reserves after victory. Agriculture all-important. **Outlook:** Reagan administration's threatening attitude clearly worries Sandinists, who recently proposed regional peace talks. Support for Salvadoran guerrillas apparently reduced.

## El Salvador

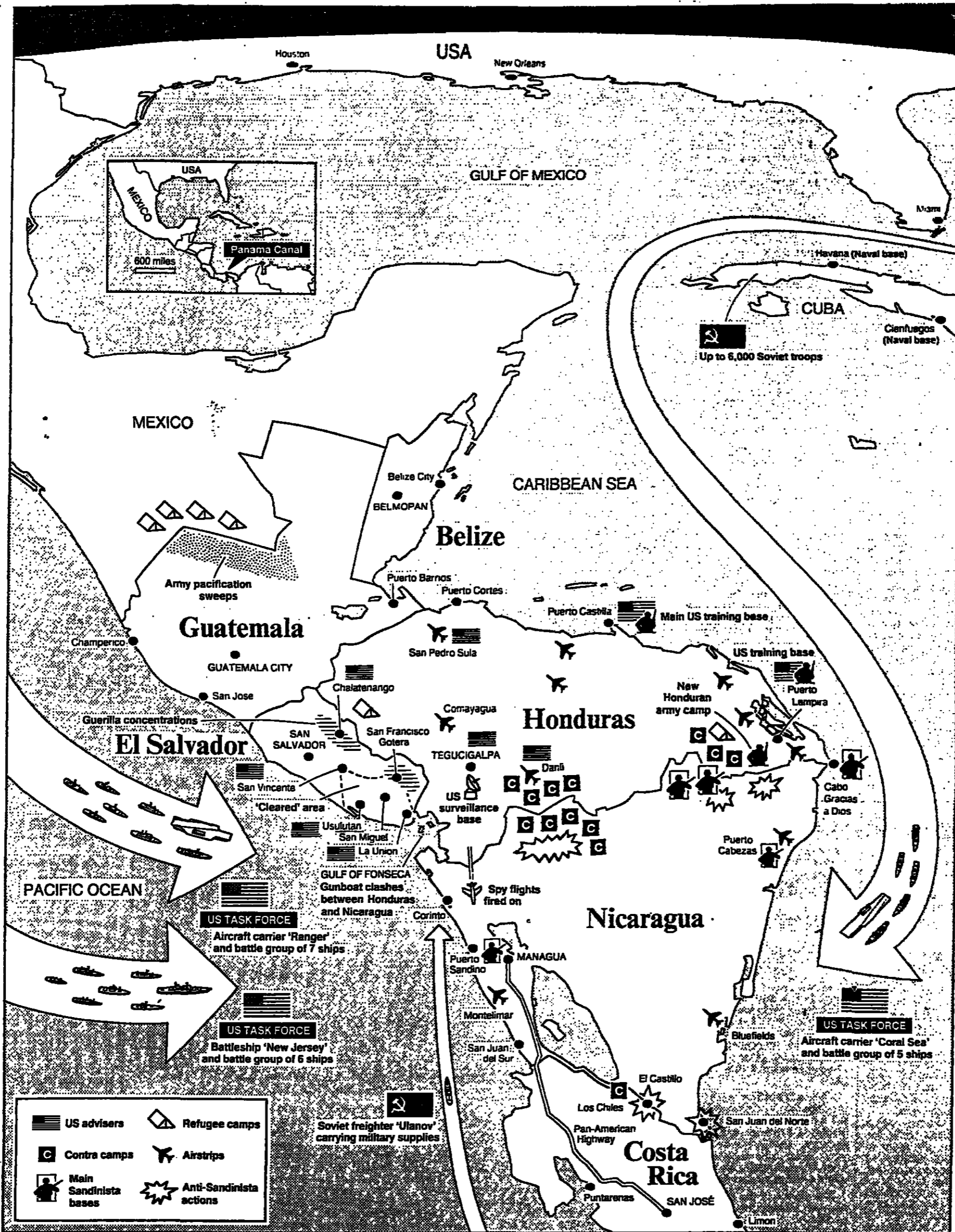
Smallest and most densely populated country in the region.  
Population: 4.5m.  
Area: 8,200 sq miles.  
Capital: San Salvador.



**Government:** Popular coup in October 1979 replaced military dictatorship with military-civilian junta. Assembly elections in March 1982 returned right-wing coalition with small majority over Christian Democrats, largest single party. Provisional President, Dr Alvarez Magana (above).

**Military:** Civil war between government forces and left-wing guerrilla groups has claimed some 35,000 lives since 1980, vast majority civilians killed by security forces and right-wing death squads. Salvadoran army currently 22,500 men, undergoing rapid expansion by compulsory conscription with aim of producing mobile counter-insurgency units on lines taught by approximately 35 US military advisers now stationed there. US-supplied medium artillery, heavy mortars, modern infantry weapons improving firepower.

Salvadoran air force, notoriously inept, has several Super Mystere fighters, A-37 ground attack planes, obsolete Ouragan bombers and US helicopter gunships. Small navy used



mainly for patrols from La Union port against guerrilla supply lines through Gulf of Fonseca. **Hard-core strength of five guerrilla groups under Faribundo Marti National Liberation Front umbrella numbers around 5,000-6,000.** **Economy:** Severely damaged by civil war; unemployment increasing sharply. Annual per capita income falling, currently approximately £350. Main exports coffee, cotton, sugar. **Outlook:** Costly US-financed "hearts and minds" offensive in former guerrilla strongholds has regained initiative temporarily for government. But guerrilla strength largely untouched and a major counter-attack is probable.

## Costa Rica

Population: 2.2m.  
Area: 19,650 sq miles.  
Capital: San José.

**Government:** A true parliamentary democracy since 1949 (when the army was abolished). Present middle-of-road government of President Luis Alberto Monge voted in handsomely last year. **Military:** 5,000 lightly armed Civil Guards are only government force, with tiny navy and air force. US offers of military aid resisted in past in

pursuit of neutrality amidst Central American turmoil. Today, former Sandinist guerrilla hero Eden Pastora ("Comandante Zero") leads estimated 2,000 troops fighting Nicaraguan forces from bases along Costa Rica's northern border. **Economy:** Severe problems face "the Switzerland of Central America", where per capita income of about £1,100 is highest in region. Collapsing world prices for main exports - coffee, sugar, bananas - vast external debts and three-figure inflation now battering Costa Ricans accustomed to good life. **Outlook:** Gloomy. Regional tensions must impinge on Costa Rica.

## Belize

Population: 145,000.  
Area: 8,870 sq miles.  
Capital: Belmopan.

**Government:** Some 1,500 British troops, Harrier jump-jet squadron and ground-to-air missiles defend Belize against Guatemala's claims. **Economy:** Exports sugar, citrus fruits, timber. Per capita income about £450. **Outlook:** Possibility that US may resume arms supplies to Guatemala worries Belize and Britain.

## Honduras

Poorest nation of a poverty-stricken region.  
Population: 4m.  
Area: 43,250 sq miles.  
Capital: Tegucigalpa.



**Government:** Civilian government elected in 1981 to end decade of military rule. Centrist Liberal party in power. President: Roberto Sutil (left).

**Military:** Honduras increasingly focus of Reagan administration's military strategy in Central America. Honduran army of approximately 17,000 to be sharply expanded. Air force most powerful in region with 12 Super Mystere fighters bought from Israel, US A-37 ground attack planes, troop transports and military helicopters. US plans big expansion of military aid, plus establishment of major base for training Salvadoran troops (cheaper and less visible than training in US). Up to 150 American military advisers, mainly Green Berets, to be stationed there. Military airfields being extended for possible use by US warplanes. "Secret" but highly visible CIA operation created army of up to 10,000 Nicaraguans to destabilize Sandinist regime in Nicaragua. Leadership of the "Contras" (counter-revolutionaries) almost exclusively former members of Somoza's Nicaraguan National Guard. **Economy:** Agriculture accounts for 80 per cent of all exports, mainly bananas, coffee, sugar, cotton, frozen meat, timber. Average per capita annual income approx. £300. **Outlook:** Many Hondurans fear being sucked into major crisis behind Washington. US support for Honduran high command seen to threaten shaky new democracy, with human rights abuses - including death from torture - by security forces already increasing.

## Guatemala

Population: 6.8m.  
Area: 42,000 sq miles.  
Capital: Guatemala City.



**Government:** Political tension running high as military regime of General Efraim Rios Montt (left), who seized power in March 1982 following contested elections, is itself threatened by army coup.

**Military:** Left-wing guerrillas in the field since mid-1950s, but no real evidence of external support. Ruthless pacification campaigns under Rios Montt in past 18 months cleared guerrillas from former strongholds, at terrible cost in army massacres of mostly Indian peasants. **Economy:** Once flourishing on coffee, cotton, sugar, bananas but now disaster area as political uncertainty worsens effects of world recession. **Outlook:** Reagan administration saw "good possibilities" in Rios Montt regime, implying resumption of US military aid. Atrocities and risk of coup make immediate policy planning tricky. Possibility of Washington overtures to Guatemala worries British because of longstanding dispute over Belize.

Guatemalan conscript army numbers approx. 23,000 after recent expansion, mainly counterinsurgent infantry forces: some armoured units with light tanks. US embargo on military sales to Guatemala, imposed in 1977 as sanction against human rights abuses, circumvented by purchases from Israel. **Economy:** Once flourishing on coffee, cotton, sugar, bananas but now disaster area as political uncertainty worsens effects of world recession. **Outlook:** Reagan administration saw "good possibilities" in Rios Montt regime, implying resumption of US military aid. Atrocities and risk of coup make immediate policy planning tricky. Possibility of Washington overtures to Guatemala worries British because of longstanding dispute over Belize.

Commentary by Philip Jacobson  
Illustration by John Grimwade

moreover... Miles Kingston

# A pile-up in the race to be leader of the pack

The BBC is coming under mounting attack for staging a Young Labour Leader of the Year competition. Due to take place in October, the contest would pick the young man judged most capable of leading the Labour Party into an election. But already the critics are saying that such a contest could only do harm to the career of the winner. Pitted into top-level politics in his forties or fifties, he will be forced to take decisions and make appearances for which he is hardly ready. And they point to the inexperience of the two front-runners, neither of whom has ever led a party in his life before. In the run-up to the finals, Mr Neil Kinnoch has already had a spectacular pile-

up on the M4 and Mr Roy Hattersley has crashed head-first into Mr Michael Foot, last winner of the now discontinued Old Labour Leader of the Year contest. Put them at the controls of a whole political party, runs the argument, and who knows what damage might not ensue? But the BBC Head of Heavy Entertainment and big competitions, Mr Charles Channel, is unrepentant. He thinks that a Young Labour Leader of the Year contest is exactly what is wanted, not just by the public but by the party as well. "It is absolute nonsense to say that a man in his forties could not run the Labour Party," he comments. "If he is old enough to vote, go to sexy films and travel full fare on the

railways, he is old enough to be idiots of themselves and they are looking for a good compromise choice. I entirely go along with what my colleagues have said on this matter. We must find out what the public want to hear, and then say it to them until we are blue in the face. Pink, rather. Sorry, what was the question again?" **What are your comments on Mr Channel's comments?** "I think they are beneath contempt. When I was a child in the North of England, many of us had to walk for hours every day picking up tram tickets in the street in order to complete our collection, and my father's life was cut tragically short by a disease he picked up in his work as a Sheffield Wednesday supporter though I can see, looking back, that he

may well have caught it off my tram ticket collection. We must make sure this kind of thing never happens again." **But surely this is exactly the kind of thing the public doesn't want to hear these days?** "Look, lad, who knows more about the popular taste of this country - the Labour Party or the EEC? No, on second thoughts, don't answer that question." **Meanwhile the BBC has confirmed that the contest is to go ahead in the autumn. It will be held in three stages. The finalists will first parade in Michael Foot's old suits. Then, dressed in working gear, they will be required to speak for a minute without stopping and without disclosing what subject they are talking about. Finally, they will strip down to white collars and be asked by Sir Robin Day what they would like to do when they grow up.** "A harmless bit of fun," concludes Charles Channel. At least it's more dignified than being manhandled behind closed doors by trade union leaders.

**SPECTRUM on Monday:**  
New research shows that bad diet may provoke violence among the young

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# Ordeal by witness box

Clare Dyer asks if the ends of justice require that a child of eight should be grilled to tears in a courtroom

The trial of the Coronation Street actor Peter Adamson, who was acquitted on Tuesday of indecently assaulting two eight-year-old girls, has highlighted the distress sex offence trials can cause the children who have to give evidence. Do the ends of justice really require that a child of eight should be grilled to the point of tears in the intimidating surroundings of a packed courtroom?

Though the Adamson case has focused public attention on the ordeal a child witness undergoes, a working party of lawyers and psychiatrists under the aegis of the Ciba Foundation has been grappling with the problem for nearly two years. "In many cases the police interview and the appearance in court are much more traumatic than the events leading up to them",

says Professor Sydney Brandon, a child psychiatrist and a member of the working party. How to strike a balance between the child's welfare and the right of the defendant to a fair trial poses a dilemma. It is a fundamental principle of British justice that the accused should be able to test the evidence against him by cross-examination in front of the jury. Cross-examination is crucial with child witnesses, because children can be suggestible or prone to fantasise.

The law makes some concessions to the vulnerability of child witnesses. Judges usually ban publication of any details which might identify the children involved. In sex offence cases, children are not ordinarily allowed to give evidence for the prosecution in the preliminary committal proceedings in the magistrates' court which precede a jury trial. This rule is designed to spare a child the ordeal of two court appearances.

In any case involving allegations of "conduct contrary to decency or morality" the judge can order the court to be cleared while the child gives evidence.

The judge also decides to what extent a child witness should receive special treatment. There are no official guidelines. Few go as far as the kindly old judge who dangled a small boy on his knee and allowed his wig to be used as a woolly toy.

Professor Brandon contends that the gestures of well-meaning judges do not go far enough to reduce the trauma of a court appearance.



"Children should be able to go along beforehand and become familiar with the courtroom. Whenever possible someone well known to the child should be present when he or she gives evidence. Very occasionally a child is able to see the courtroom in advance, but in my experience, arrangements of this sort almost always break down."

ant must have the right to challenge the evidence against him by cross-examination", she says. "Even if you filmed the cross-examination as well, the jury would be seeing the tape at one remove. They wouldn't know, for instance, what had gone on before the filming started."

But Professor Brian Hogan, of Leeds University, an authority on criminal law, says: "I can't see any objection to videotape, as long as the defendant is present and there is an opportunity to cross-examine." Another suggestion put forward by child psychiatrists is that the court should be equipped with a room with one-way glass, so that the defendant could see and hear the child without being seen.

"The real problem arises when the child has been the victim of an assault and may be the only witness who can give direct evidence of it", Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, says. "This means reliving the experience in the presence of the alleged assailant."

"You can clear the court of all but essential participants, but the defendant must be present to hear the evidence against him. If a parent sits with a child while giving evidence there is a risk of prompting. To move from the court to a smaller room means that the child would be even closer to the defendant when giving evidence. Evidence given by remote or indirect means must be more difficult for the jury to weigh up."

The Ciba working party expects to report late this year, or early next.

## Friends in need

From N. Y. Gray, 31 Sydney Buildings, Bath.

I am shocked that you should have published (Friday Page, July 22) the uninformed comment made by Mrs Ruby Williams, the woman wrongly accused of shoplifting, concerning the suicide of Lady Barnett after being charged with the same offence. "Where were her friends?" she asks.

I can answer her query as to the whereabouts of one of her friends, who is also a close friend of mine: she had taken Lady Barnett away to help her through the terrible time of waiting for the case to come up, and her attitude was that of all Lady Barnett's friends and acquaintances, one of deep sympathy with her situation and a desire to help in every possible way. The tragedy was that in the final analysis no one could help.

## State benefits

From Mrs Jane Pegler, 29a Prinrose Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, Battersea, SW11

Your Friday Page of July 22 includes an article entitled *Bringing up the Orphans of Disaster* in which it is suggested that only where there are no guardians available in an orphan's family circle, or where there is a dispute over who should care for the child, is it likely that the local authorities will have to "interfere" in his or her upbringing.

A case is then presented of two orphaned brothers, now adult, of whom the younger was apparently denied the opportunity both in his new home and at school to successfully mourn the loss of his parents. He was doubtless protected

## TALKBACK

from - or, should I say, not afforded the possibility of benefiting from - the "interference" of his local authority because his circumstances were not those usually understood in the description "deprived child". Instead, he suffered what must surely be the greatest deprivation of all, denial of the opportunity to express and discuss his feelings.

Had local authority "interference" been sought, in the form of a social worker to share and tackle with the child and the newly formed family the painful task of confronting their bereavement, how much happier might have been the outcome for all concerned than this sad case history suggests.

## Heavy duty

From Helen Sigm, Byfleet, Surrey. As a sixth-former with more than one friend suffering from the slimmers' disease anorexia nervosa, I should like to point out that one of the causes of the illness lies with the media.

Although the fashion in past centuries has always been to be "bonny", the consuming passion since the 1960s has been to look unnaturally thin.

Models such as Twiggy initiated the fashion to look slim, and now all magazines are filled with pictures of thin women. Most advertisements, even those for fattening foods, use "skinny" models, and even dumplings in shop windows are abnormally thin.

Is it surprising that so many girls, having been brainwashed with the idea that true beauty can only be achieved after starving themselves, fall prey to anorexia?

## MEDICAL BRIEFING

### Saving on the birth rates

This week Louise Brown, the world's first test-tube baby, was five years old. Her success, and the successful birth of other's like her, guarantees that hundreds of thousands of pounds will be spent on establishing units for in vitro fertilization. But the need for these programmes might be reduced if the public was made more aware of the need for early and adequate treatment of all the contacts of sufferers from NSU or gonorrhoea.

Hammersmith Hospital is tackling another cause of infertility due to chronic pelvic inflammatory disease: for by no means all cases of tubal damage are due to the late result of sexually transmitted diseases. Some, it would appear from an analysis of all the cases admitted to the hospital over three months, are due to surgeons making matters worse by operating on the female pelvis without obeying the strict, but simple rules of microsurgical technique.

There are about a dozen points in the code, starting from the basic premise that the pelvis should only be opened if it is really essential and then with a wide incision using diathermy so that the blood does not escape into the peritoneal cavity; through to the simple instructions on the type of gloves, sutures and the appropriate swabbing solution, warned Hartmanns.

Mr Robert Winston, the gynaecologist, said although the Hammersmith runs short courses on this microsurgical technique, only 4 per cent of the places are taken by British doctors; they so far seem to have taken little interest in this important aspect of preventive medicine.

### New strength

Over the past 70 years middle-aged men who complain of impotence have been in grave danger of being sentenced to

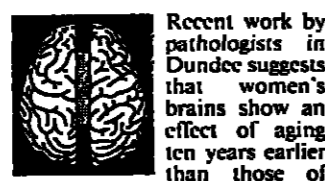
spending wearisome hours discussing their approach to sex and women. Many doctors involved in genito-urinary medi-

cine have long suspected that in the hunt for deep psychiatric complexes physical causes have been overlooked, and emotional explanations over-diagnosed.

Scientists are now confirming the physicians' suspicions. As well as the neurophysiologists who have studied changes in skin sensitivity at acupuncture, arterial surgeons have shown that in many cases the problem is due to a comparative failure of the blood supply to the genital organs. Doctors now accept that penile arteries can, like those leading to the heart muscle, brain or lower limbs, become narrowed with advancing years.

Two studies from Copenhagen, reported in Hospital Doctor, show that half the men attending a clinic for arterial disease admitted to being impotent. A third of these out-patients were considered suitable to have an operation to improve the blood supply to the lower limbs; half of these had their powers restored.

### Old heads



Recent work by pathologists in Dundee suggests that women's brains show an effect of aging ten years earlier than those of men. A woman's brain starts to shrink when she is in her forties, a man's in his fifties. Many middle-aged women, however, take degrees, or professional qualifications. Their success is an interesting side light on the report in *Lancet* from Dr Beth Hubbard, aged 33, and Dr John Anderson of Dundee University.

Their research shows that although brain shrinkage starts earlier in women, once started the rate of decline is equal in the two sexes. Dr Anderson said that having begun their joint investigations they were hoping to continue with them, for at the moment they did not even know if the early weight loss in the female brain was due to a loss of brain cells or fluid.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

Medical Correspondent

## The nurses' complaint

### COMMENT

The Homes Fit for Nurses Campaign launched recently by *Nursing Mirror*, breaks into Parliament today with a call by Mr Timothy Yeo, Conservative MP for Suffolk South, for improvements to nurses' accommodation.

The campaigners will argue, rightly, that nurses' hostels are in a bad state of repair and they will press the Department of Health and Social Security to spend money on doing them up. The Government will argue that it is a matter for local health authorities and that guidelines on standards for accommodation will be reissued next year. The Government is unlikely under the present level of pressure to find any special money for the nurses.

Money would not do any harm to nurses' hostels. It would, for example, make some safe by rewiring them and hygienic by repairing the plumbing. It is a scandal that because they are crown property, hostels escape any regular inspection, enforceable safety precautions and in many cases basic repairs.

But even in quantities this Government would never contemplate giving, money would not make the hostels, in which 48,000 of Britain's nurses live, into homes. The real problems are that the buildings are the wrong shape and do not belong to the people who live in them.

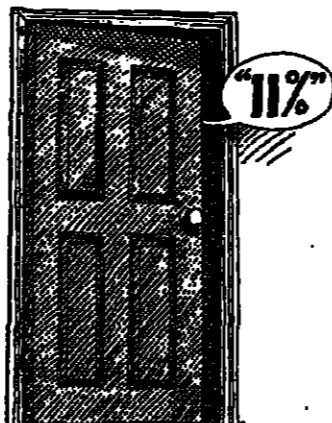
Most are big, drab, run-down barracks, ill equipped, ill serviced and as amenable as Kings Cross station for nurses coming off a 12 hour shift to relax, sleep and study in.

Like many of our institutions, nurses' hostels were built to accommodate battalions rather than people. They have three or four floors of identical corridors, with up to 80 identical rooms on each.

If more residential committees were set up, as recommended by the DHSS guidelines but not encouraged locally, nurses could take more control over their own residences. There is little anyone can do about the architecture and there is little chance of money from the Government for major improvements but nurses could at least be given the freedom to paint over the cracks in the walls themselves.

Richard Dowden

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TRUE AND FALSE PATRIOTS

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But Mr Adams is at least an abettor and political sponsor of a terrorist organization dedicated to the forcible detachment of part of the kingdom...

meeting. It is the kind of worthy idea officials think of when they have to think of something...

BEATABLE AND UNBEATABLE

's a rabbiting shame, Bunter', tested Bob Cherrv with as much phlegm as the exigencies of a stiff neck would allow...

the use of the law on their children. To implement that decision (which was concerned with parents' rights, not children's) only three courses were possible...

tion on Human Rights undertaken to abide by the Court's decisions in cases where they are parties. But the Court has no means of enforcing its decisions...

COLOMBO'S CRISIS

news from Sri Lanka this week has recalled the horrifying carnage leading up to the division of India thirty-six years ago...

to have been for what has happened all over the country during the past week. Needless to say, if one looks back over the history of the last thirty-five years there is blame to be put on both sides in the struggle over the rights and status of the Tamil community...

been TULF. Thus the UNP, always the home of the strongest anti-Tamil feeling, has been the more unambiguously outspoken, thanks to its dominance in parliament. In October, under the terms of his own revision of the constitution, Mr Jayewardene stood for election as president and was handsomely returned. Two months later he called a referendum on his proposal to extend the life of the present parliament...

Reflections on a 70th birthday

From Sir Ian Gilmore, MP for Chesham and Amersham (Conservative)

Sir, In your article celebrating Mr Begin's birthday (The Times, July 23) you say that "the view from Jerusalem is now incomparably more healthy than it was when he became Prime Minister six years ago". And that "All in all Mr Begin at 70 has cause for satisfaction".

Social importance of Pill ruling

From Lord Devlin

Sir, The case of Gillick v West Norfolk Health Authority, on which you have just written an illuminating editorial (July 27) may well be socially the most important to come before the courts in this decade.

All British Gas and profits

From Lady Burton of Coventry

Sir, It really is very difficult for the ordinary domestic consumer to comprehend, let alone understand. British Gas has doubled its profits to £665m and I am told that that more and more customers are finding it difficult to pay their bills.

Yours faithfully, BURTON OF COVENTRY, House of Lords.

Jobs for doctors

From Mr R. T. J. Holt-Allen and Mrs I. Barnes

Sir, Recent reports have suggested that some 2,000 doctors are unemployed. This hospital, in common with many others, has advertised short- and longer-term non-consultant locum appointments.

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From Mrs Sheila Chapman

Sir, Attention has been drawn (Martin Caroe, June 27) to the apparent lack of interest manifested by the Crafts Council in its highly successful conservation sponsorship.

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The letter on Monday on Richmond was from Councillor S. Grose, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, not Councillor J. Sanders-Grose.



# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 28: His Excellency, Monsieur Claude Cahill and Madame Cahill were received in farewell audience by the Queen and took leave upon His Excellency's relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Switzerland to the Court of St. James'...

## Autistic Society's New Centre at Feldon Old Rectory, Felton.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Philips, attended by Mrs Andrew Phillips, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight...

## KENSINGTON PALACE

July 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Girl Guides Association, today visited the International Camp at Coedarydygyn, South Glamorgan...

## KENSINGTON PALACE

July 28: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was present this afternoon at the Royal Tournament at Epsom...

## KENSINGTON PALACE

The Queen will hold investitures at Buckingham Palace on October 20, November 1, 3, 8 and 30 and December 6...

## Luncheons

HM Government Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given at Admiralty House...

## Reception

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a reception in Guildhall yesterday evening given by the Guild of Freemen of the City of London...

## Dinner

Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a dinner given at Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of the Foreign Minister of Turkey...

## Service dinner

The Duke of Gloucester, Royal Patron, British Association of Friends of Museums, will visit Cardiff to attend their fifth biennial conference at University College on September 16 and, in the evening, he will attend a reception to mark the tenth anniversary of the National Museum of Wales...

## Soiree

The seventh annual soiree of the Fellowship of Engineering was held at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, yesterday evening, the theme being maritime engineering...

## Science report

### New step to combat cancer

While great strides have been made in recent years in the treatment of cancer by surgery, radiotherapy, laser beams, ultrasonics and drugs, progress in detecting the early stages of the disease, when it is most susceptible to relatively simple treatment, has been slow...

## Law Report July 29 1983

### Employer of solicitor's clerk

Oliver v J. P. Malnick & Co Ltd Before Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson, Mr H. Jenkins and Mr M. E. Sunderland [Judgment delivered July 26] A solicitor's articles clerk was held to be entitled to bring a claim of unlawful sex discrimination against the firm of solicitors which employed her...

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. O. Kinsloch and Dr S. de Loës The engagement is announced between David Oliphant, only son of Sir John Kinsloch, Bt. and Lady Kinsloch, Aldie Cottage, Kinross, Kinross-shire, Scotland, and Sabine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Philippe de Loës, 5 Rampe de Coligny, 1223 Colonge, Geneva, Switzerland...

## Mr R. P. Barclay and Miss K. S. Deas

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Barclay, of Regent's Park, London, and Kim, daughter of Mr R. P. Deas and the late Mrs B. J. Deas, of Farnham, Surrey...

## Mr T. L. Kay and Miss K. M. Gottlieb

The engagement is announced between Timothy Laurence, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Kay, of Remuera, Auckland, New Zealand, and Karen Mita, daughter of Mr Stephen Gottlieb, of Chelsea, London, and Mrs Sheila Payne, of East Hertsley, Surrey...

## Dr A. W. Harrop-Griffiths and Dr J. L. Feldman

The engagement is announced between Alan William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs H. Harrop-Griffiths, of Newport, Gwent and Jane Louise, daughter of Dr and Mrs S. Feldman, of Chelsea, London...

## Mr J. P. Marriage and Miss C. J. Ste. C. Williams

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Marriage, of Woking, Surrey, and Caroline, eldest daughter of the late Mr R. O. M. Williams and of Mrs Williams, of Currie, Middlethorpe, York...

## Mr M. W. Stiffell and Miss C. E. Eastrop-Birch

The engagement is announced between Matthew, second son of Mr and Mrs Henry Stiffell, of a Medford Gardens, London, SW14, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Kjeldsen-Jensen, of Copenhagen...

## Mr R. M. Wyatt and Miss S. E. Ross Russell

The engagement is announced between Robert Michael, son of Mr and Mrs A. T. Wyatt, of Collops Farm, Stebbing, Essex, and Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs I. Ross Russell, of Little Belsteads, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire...

## Mr A. M. Mackworth-Fraser and Mrs D. J. Blackburn

The marriage took place quietly at Epsom on July 23, 1983, between Mr Mark Mackworth-Fraser and Mrs Debra Blackburn (née Woodwards)...

## Mr S. J. Oliver and Miss M. L. J. Stevens

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 23, 1983, at Holy Trinity, Bracknell, between Mr Simon (Jonathan) Oliver, and Miss Melanie (Louise Joanna) Stevens, the Rev Alan Smithson officiating...

## Latest appointments

Mr Michael Daly to be Ambassador (non-resident) to Chad, in succession to Mr A. C. D. S. Macrae. Mr Daly will be based in London...

## Birthdays today

Professor Patricia Clarke, 64; Mr Justice Michael Davies, 62; the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire, 88; the Countess of Devonport, 88; the Marquess of Bristol, 88; the Marquess of Normandy, 71; Miss Marguerite Perreux, 84; the Marquess of Viscount Ridley, 58; General Sir Neil Ritchie, 86; Lord Scarman, 72; Lord Weinstock, 59.

## Girdlers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Girdlers' Company for the ensuing year: Master: Viscount Brentford; Upper Warden: Mr L. P. R. James; Middle Warden: Captain G. M. A. James, RN; Renter Warden: Mr M. H. W. Gail.

## Scriveners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Scriveners' Company for the ensuing year: Master: Mr R. A. D. Unruhars; Upper Warden: Mr C. J. Malim; Renter Warden: Mr N. R. R. Smith; Clerk: Mr H. J. W. Harman.

## OBITUARY

### MISS GLADYS MITCHELL

#### Popular crime novelist

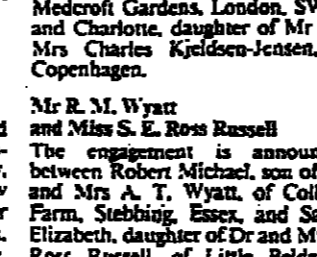
Miss Gladys Maude Winifred Mitchell, whose detective stories have been popular for over five decades, has died at the age of 82. She wrote as Gladys Mitchell, and also as Stephen Hockaby and Malcolm Torrie...

## DR CHARLES GILBERT

Dr Charles Gilbert, who died on July 25, aged 72, was one of the few surviving members of Lord Rutherford's Nuclear Physics School at Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge...

## Westminster cover-up

The Big Ben clock tower looking like a pagoda under its unseasonal covering of plastic sheeting and scaffolding during the extensive renovation of the Palace of Westminster...



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## Latest wills

- Alcock, Mr John Frederick, of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire £59,706
Appleby, Miss Cicely Elizabeth Bournemouth, Dorset £362,177
Atkinson, Mr George Scott, of Redditch, Hereford and Worcester £280,807
Bewley, Mr John Clive, of 15, West Glamorgan £234,963
Clark, Mr Bertie Ellis, of Wyberston, Lincolnshire £243,444
Davidson, Mr David Hay, of Boldre, Hampshire £121,989
Machin, Mr Alfred George, of Thruxton, Hampshire £455,268
Mr John Russell Mealing, of East Carleton, Norfolk £244,001
Pye, Mr Roy Arnold, of Torquay, Devon £307,325
Smyth, Mr Henry of Ben Rhydding, West Yorkshire £231,353
Silverberg, Mr Ernest Aaron, of Nottingham, stockbroker £1,671,736
Stevens, Mrs Joan Audrey, of West Bridgford, Nottingham £229,933
Vernon, Mr Arthur Thomas, of Wolverhampton £233,991
Watson, Sir Norman James, 2nd Bt, of Mayfair, London £317,509

## Calls to the Bar in Trinity Term

A large block of text listing numerous law students and their parents, including names like A. Martin, B. Smith, C. Jones, etc., and their respective addresses and contact information.

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APPOINTMENTS

Lord Sieff to join Rothschild board

Lord Sieff has been appointed a non-executive director of the Board of Directors of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC... Mr F. A. Spear, Chairman of the Board, has announced that Lord Sieff will be joining the board...

How long-term planning affects production in Britain
Blueprint for growth that keeps Japanese industry in the lead

As Nissan continues to agonize over its project to build a car factory in Britain, Professor Geoffrey Bownas explains the successful Japanese industrial cycle that lies at the heart of the decision.

Enough to gain promotion to Division I... The industrial planning blueprint for the car industry during the second half of the 1960s called for a contraction in the number of significant competitors from 14 to five or six...

Table with 5 columns: Year (1972-1982), Colour television, Stereo recorder, Room air conditioner, Gas water heater, Refrigerator, Microwave oven, Piano, Still camera, Warm air heater. Includes a sub-table for CONSUMER ELECTRONICS.

Color TV is also of the 60s, with its cycle now complete... In 1964, you were really up with the Japanese... By 1971 the domestic diffusion rate was 42.3 per cent...

Midland Bank plc. In accordance with Articles 133 and 134(1) of the Bank's Articles of Association... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Midland Bank plc will be held at Midland Bank plc, Head Office, Poultry, London EC2P 2SX on the 15th August, 1983 at 2.30 p.m.

There is a stark contrast, however, between the regenerating future for NEC or Hitachi and the horizon for Honda of Nissan. An engine can be used for a car or a truck, it can be installed in a lawnmower or a personal snow plough...

U.S. \$30,000,000 IBJ The Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited London Floating Rate London-Dollar Negotiable Certificates of Deposit due 30th January, 1987

ICI in 1983

First half year

The Board of Directors of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC announce the following unaudited trading results of the Group for the first half of 1983, with comparative figures for 1982.

Table with columns for Year (1982, 1983), Sales, Profit Before Tax, etc. Includes sub-tables for Chemical Sales, Oil Sales, and UK Chemical Exports.

Group chemical sales in the first half of 1983 were £3,705m, an increase of £481m (15%) over the first half of 1982. Volume accounted for 8% of the increase and exchange effects for 7%.

(£10m) and the fibres and organic chemicals businesses continued to trade at near breakeven levels. The Group's oil business produced trading profits of £23m in the quarter (first quarter 1983 £24m) after petroleum revenue tax of £37m (first quarter 1983 £34m).

Interim dividend for 1983 The Board has declared an interim dividend of 10.0 pence (ten point nought pence) per £1 unit of Ordinary stock of the Company in respect of the year 1983 (1982 9.0 pence).

Trading results for the first nine months of 1983 will be announced on Thursday 27 October 1983. Imperial Chemical Industries PLC

BANCO DE CHILE US\$85,000,000 Floating Rate Notes due 1986 in accordance with the provisions of the Notes notice is hereby given that the Rate of Interest for the next Interest Period has been fixed at 10 3/4% per annum.

Base Lending Rates ABN Bank 9 1/2 % Barclays 9 1/2 % BCCI 9 1/2 % Consolidated Crds 9 1/2 %

Macarthy's Pharmaceuticals p.l.c. Turnover levels have been maintained in the second half of our financial year and at £265m for the full year are 23% up on the previous trading period.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT £100,000,000 11 1/2 per cent. Bonds 1988 Issue Price 99 1/2 per cent. Payable for value on August 15, 1983

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

Dividend cheer from ICI

ACCOUNT DATES: Dealings began, July 18. Dealings end, July 29. Closing Day, Aug 1. Settlement Day, Aug 8.

A bumper set of second-quarter figures from ICI offering further evidence that the worst of the recession is over...

Industries for the Government's £300m contract to supply an anti-radar missile system. Shares of British Aerospace celebrated the news with a 7p rise to 204p...

On the bid front A.E. formerly Associated Engineering, jumped 6p to 60p following the emphatic rejection of the £50m bid from GKN...

The shares opening unchanged at 86p. The recent offer for sale of 750,000 shares by brokers Greene & Co flopped with only 35 per cent of the shares taken up...

Drayton Consolidated Trust has bought an extra 200,000 shares in its associate British Industrial & General Investment Trust (BIGIT) at 243p a share...

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

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INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Michael Prest

Fund-raising capacity nears crisis

New capital issues are strictly a secondary line for the stock market...

Having said that, it is a sign of great resilience in the market that the share indices managed healthy rises on Wednesday...

Remember, that came in the same week that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, revealed that he was going to dump another chunk...

The present buoyancy is one thing. But given the enormous privatization programme starting next year...

Rights issues posed no threat to share prices last year or the first quarter of this year...

Again, that posed little

Table with 5 columns: INSTITUTIONS' CASH FLOW QUARTERLY £m, 1982 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1983 1st. Rows include Inflow to pension funds, Investments, UK Ordinary shares, etc.

Sources: Central Statistical Office, Stock Exchange statistics department.

problem because, on the evidence of government funding problems, the institutions were snubbing a new gilt-edged investment...

After a relatively slack period last year, when the inflow into pension funds actually dipped with the weight of redundancies...

intriguing question is what will happen to investment in shares abroad, for some time the severest competitor to equity investment at home...

Portsmouth and Sunderland

Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers First quarter to 2.7.83 Pretax profit £833,000 (£851,000) Started earnings 6.3p (5.0p) Turnover £3.6m (7.4m) Share price 189p, up 3p

the provincials this year and perhaps 5 per cent in 1984.

Companies such as East Midland Allied Press have diversified into magazines but others like United-Newsprinters have suffered.

Flat first quarter figures from Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers disguise something of a revival.

Cover prices have risen faster than inflation and last month Portsmouth said it would hold the cover prices of evening papers at 12p at least until the end of this calendar year.

Evode seeks £3.9m cash for expansion

By Susan Boyan

Evode, the adhesives and insulation products group, is following better-than-expected interim profits with a £3.9m rights issue of £1 nominal for every four shares held of 8 per cent convertible loan stock.

At the same time Equity Capital for Industry is subscribing at par for £300,000 of new 8 per cent cumulative redeemable preference shares.

The new capital is intended to expand the existing business and make further acquisitions. Purchases over the past 18 months have cost the company £3.6m net and capital expenditure is continuing at a substantial level.

First half profits rose 45 per cent to £865,000 on a 12.7 per cent rise in turnover to £22.9m. The figures in the first half of last year were hit by the costs of acquiring and integrating the new businesses, which this time made their full contribution.

Nottingham profits rise 11%

By Our Financial Staff

Nottingham Manufacturing, the prominent Marks and Spencer supplier, showed a solid rate of growth during the first half of calendar 1983 with pretax profits 11.1 per cent higher at £6.85m on turnover 6 per cent better at £90.49m.

The interim has been raised to 1.35p per share from 1.2p.

Once again, the company's hefty cash holdings added the spice with investment income jumping 15.5 per cent to £2.96m. Trading profits benefited from the slightly easier pricing environment as well as the continued powering forward of its key customer. Margins correspondingly rose slightly enabling growth of 7.9 per cent at the trading level.

The market had hoped for better things, however, and the shares closed down 3p yesterday at 216p.

WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM (HOLDINGS) PLC. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Invitation to tender for cash. Includes financial details and terms of offer.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL, SUGAR, COFFEE, RUBBER, etc.

Large table of financial data including Authorized Unit & Insurance Funds, with columns for Fund Name, Bid, Offer, and Yield.

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